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1. EMBASSY IS MORE THAN PLEASED AT THE QUALITY AND TIMELINESS OF RESPONSES (E.G. REFS A AND B) TO OFTEN FAR-OUT REQUESTS WE HAVE BEEN SUBMITTING RE VARIOUS ITEMS OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT (E.G. REFS C AND D). WE HAVE MORE THAN ONCE FELT A BIT EMBARRASSED BY PIDDLING ITEMS WE HAVE THROWN WASHINGTON'S WAY IN INTERESTS OF TRYING TO BE HELPFUL TO LESS THAN EFFICIENT LOCAL OFFICIALS. WHEN THESE REQUESTS TREATED NOT ONLY WITH PATIENCE, BUT ALSO WITH OBVIOUS EFFORT TO RESPOND (E.G. IN OBTAINING BOOT SAMPLES - REF A), WE HAVE EVERY REASON TO BE AND ARE GRATEFUL.

2. THAT BEING SAID, THERE WAS ONE ELEMENT OF REF C WHICH WAS NOT ADDRESSED BY REF B. SPECIFICALLY, REF B GAVE ALL OF REQUESTED NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF UNCLASSIFIED

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SUPPLIERS OF BELTS, BUCKLES, ETC. BUT IT DID NOT RESPOND TO QUESTION AS TO TYPE (OR TYPES) OF BELTS WORN BY US MILITARY. AS INDICATED REF C, WE SUSPECT THAT IN THIS CASE THERE IS NO NEED FOR SAMPLES--THAT SIMPLE STATEMENT THAT ALL BELTS THE SAME (WITH EXCEPTION OF COLOR) AS SAMPLE WE ALREADY HAVE ON HAND-WILL DO. BUT WHETHER BY SUCH STATEMENT AND THROUGH

SAMPLES, IT IS ISSUE WE NEED TO ADDRESS AT SOME POINT.

3. THERE IS NO REAL HURRY. AND THIS IS CLEARLY A VERY SMALL POINT. BUT ANY RESPONSE ADDRESSEES CAN PROVIDE WILL BE MUCH APPRECIATED. DICKMAN

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